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21st November 2025

Formal Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2027

In accordance with the requirements of the current legislation, and on behalf of the Governing Body, I write to provide you with the details of the plan to reduce Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN), which Maria Fidelis Catholic School will apply to applications for admissions for the academic year 2027 to 2028.

The Governing Body is not proposing to change any other aspects of the admissions arrangements which can be found on Camden Learning's website.

The School is proposing to reduce the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 150 to 120 pupils from September 2027. The reason for this proposal is that demand for school places across this part of London is falling and this will help with the long-term planning and financial sustainability of the school.

As set out in the consultation document at Appendix I we are not proposing to make any other changes to the admissions arrangements.

I invite members of the community to make any comments or observations to me, by 9th January 2026, using the response form in Appendix II. This constitutes the consultation under the requirements of the legislation. Applications for admission to the school must be made in accordance with the co-ordinated admission scheme operated by the child's home Local Authority.

For Camden residents, this is published in the Secondary Schools Admissions Guide available on Camden Council's website.

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix I

Admission Arrangements 2027-2028

The admission authority for Maria Fidelis Catholic School is the Governing Body. The arrangements below, including the explanatory notes (which are also set out in Camden's Admissions Guide - Secondary Schools in Camden), are in line with the School Admissions Code and designed to ensure there is a fair, clear and reasonable admissions procedure for all applicants, and to help guide parents through the application process.

The admission arrangements apply to all admissions, including in-year admissions.

Admission to Year 7 can be made to Camden Learning for residents living in the borough, all other applications must be made via a parent's home local authority before 31st October. Applications during the school year to all year groups must be submitted directly to the school. Application forms and further details are available online at <https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>.

The published admission number (PAN) for the school will be 120 children. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit 120 children to Year 7 in September 2027. Priority will always be given to Catholic applicants.

Over-subscription Criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the admission number, offers of places are made using the following order of priority:

1. Catholic "looked-after" children and Catholic children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
3. Other baptised Catholic children.
4. Other "looked-after" children and other children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders.
5. Catechumens and baptised children of Eastern/Orthodox Churches with a baptism certificate or a letter from their priest confirming enrolment in the catechumenate of the Catholic Church.
6. Christian children of other denominations whose application is supported either by a certificate of baptism or by a letter from a religious leader confirming membership of the faith community.
7. Any other children.



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Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

1. Exceptional Need

The admission authority will give top priority, after the appropriate category of looked-after children, to children whose exceptional medical, social or pastoral needs justify a place at the school. To demonstrate an exceptional social or medical need, which can only be met at this school, the admission authority will require compelling written evidence at the time of application from an appropriate professional e.g., doctor, priest or social worker.

2. Sibling Priority

The attendance of a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category after children in 1 above.

3. Children who attend Roman Catholic and Church of England church schools from Camden or neighbouring boroughs (in no particular order), and any other Camden primary school will be given priority in each category, after children in 1 and 2 above.



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Appendix II

STAKEHOLDER RESPONSE FORM

In response to the Proposal Document shared by Maria Fidelis Catholic School regarding its intention to reduce the Published Admission Number:

- I support the proposal to reduce the PAN from 150 to 120
- I do not support the proposal to reduce the PAN from 150 to 120
- I have no real preference but have the following comments to make

Any further comments:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Organisation: _____ Date: _____



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